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FOR: VISIBILITY ENHANCEMENT SYSTEM FOR A CNC MACHINE CENTER

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

This communication is in response to the U.S. Patent Office Action dated September 22, 2003. Responsive to the Examiner's restriction requirement, inventor hereby provisionally elects invention II, classified in Class 15, drawn to a combination CNC and wiper blade.

REMARKS

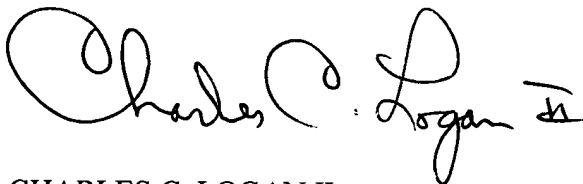
The invention relates to a visibility enhancement system for a CNC machine center. Claims 1-5 are directed to a method of installing a visibility enhancement system "on a door window of a CNC machine center". The first step in the method requires the existence of a CNC machine center having a door for viewing machine operations therein. Claims 6-10 are drawn to the combination structure of "a CNC machine center and a wind shield assembly". These claims specifically recite the structure of a CNC machine center having a door with a window for

viewing machining operations therein.

The Examiner states that the inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product. Critical steps in the method claims require forming a hole in the door of the CNC machine center. Following this, the elongated spindle housing is inserted into the hole. Next the structure on the inside of the door is attached to the spindle and the structure on the outside of the door is secured thereto. The statement by the Examiner that the wiper blade can be installed in another manner such as "by adhesives or soldering does not seem to be relevant. Also the only manner of using the combination structure as claimed requires the structure of a CNC machine center having a door with a window for viewing machine operations and the structure of a windshield wiper assembly assembled thereto so that a windshield wiper arm can be moved along the inner surface of the window.

For the reasons stated above it is believed that all of the claims should be examined and the restriction requirement is not proper.

Very truly yours,



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